

Port of Allyn Comment

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Dear Mr. Zeigler,

The Port of Allyn Board of Commissioners is very interested in preserving the Sargent Oyster processing facility for several reasons. It is a historic building not only for the town of Allyn but as an economic base for the community as well. Nearly every family that lived in the area at the time had at least one family member that worked there. In fact one of the ladies that worked there in the early years still lives in Allyn.

The person that started the oyster business in the mid 1920's, Humphrey Nelson, was recognized in the industry for developing new ways of preserving oysters for the commercial market. This is also likely the last building of it's kind on Puget Sound. The Port of Allyn is interested in preserving the building and turning it into a historic museum for the oyster industry. North Bay is one of only two places where the Olympia Oysters are native. The other being Willapa Bay. There is a lot of history as to how the area was polluted from industry and the oyster industry was integral in stopping some of the worst practices and getting the water cleaned up again. We would have a focus on the environmental aspects as well as the economic and historic elements. I'm sure you are aware that the Olympia Oyster population has returned to North Bay. The proposed North Bay Trail had originally planned to have this be a kayak 'take out' area with picnic tables for low key recreational use. We see this as a perfect match. We certainly support doing a good deal of the work to restore the shoreline but are really hoping that there is some middle ground that we can work towards.

We fully understand that all of this takes money. We are researching ways to fund this type of project.

We look forward to working with the department and the restoration group on this project.

This is brief but we wanted to make sure our plans and concerns are on record.

Respectfully

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